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INTRODUCTION

Position is located in one of the divisions within the Directorate for Research and Engineering Management (E) of Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command (STRICOM), a major subordinate command of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC). The mission of STRICOM is to provide centralized management and direction for all research, development, acquisition and fielding of Army training devices, simulations and simulators; instrumentation, targets and threat simulation; and Distributed Interactive Simulation (DIS). The commander centrally directs, coordinates, and supports the materiel development, acquisition and sustainment activities through the matrix organization and four Project Managers. These divisions perform technology based management, concept formulation, acquisition management and technical contract management of simulations, simulators, training systems and instrumentation projects assigned to STRICOM. The duties performed by incumbent will include system and software engineering required to support the acquisition and life cycle management of complex systems composed of hardware, computers, software, interfaces, simulation and instrumentation hardware.

MAJOR DUTIES

- 1. Provides technical evaluation of contractor's performance. Serves as technical representative at progress reviews, design reviews, acceptance testing and technical interchange meetings with contractors. Serves as the contracting officer's representative (COR), provides technical guidance and clarification to contractor on work statement (WS), specification action when required. Consults with subject matter experts (SMEs) to obtain technical guidance relating to on-going projects. Addresses contractor's needs, questions and change proposals regarding technical, cost and schedule risks. Ensures projects are within established resource limits and remain on target with milestone schedules. Keeps management, product manager, project director, users and other team members informed of project status. Provides technical requirements continuity from concept through design, test and fielding.
- 2. As a member of a project team, prepares technical sections of acquisition packages (Request for Proposal RFP) for assigned projects which includes technical performance and verification specifications, WS, CDRL, contract schedule, and proposal evaluation plan. Supports the defense or justification of acquisition packages to the acquisition authority. Evaluates contractors' proposals for technical content, applicability to

RFP, best value and schedule impact. As a member of the evaluation team, prepares proposal evaluation reports; defends and justifies for acquisition authority. Clarifies and evaluates contractor final proposals and makes recommendation to acquisition authority for award of contract. Serves as technical lead on concept formulation effort by performing or managing the required engineering functions to explore and formulate materiel. concepts for STRICOM's systems in-accordance with the using organizations's operations requirements document. Reviews, analyzes, and clarifies requirements and documentation through formal and informal meetings and discussions with SMEs. Conducts market surveys and analyzes make/buy decisions. Prepares tradeoff determinations (TOD), trade-off analysis (TOA), best technical approach (BTA), coordinated test plan (CTP), decision documents and associated resource and budget estimates. Coordinates through meetings and discussions with various user Representatives the STRICOM position with rationale to attain a mutually agreeable best technical approach. Supports fielding and sustainment of STRICOM systems through Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), modification reviews and analysis by providing recommendations on these actions. Serves as technical lead on the acquisition of existing systems under the foreign military sales program. **45**%

3. Serves as SME providing advice, consultation and technical documentation (synopses and point papers) to engineers, project directors and management on designated specialty areas as required. Specialty areas include: requirements engineering, artificial intelligence (expert systems, computer generated forces, intelligent tutoring systems and natural language applications), embedded training, command and control, distributed processing, communications (analog, digital and networks), lasers, electro-optics, visual simulation (displays, data base modeling and image renderings), security, targets, computer systems and languages/techniques (Ada, object oriented design), testing of components, subsystems and systems. Evaluates and executes Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Advanced Concepts & Technology Phase 2 (ACT II), and Broad Agency Announcements (BAA) proposals related to virtual, constructive and live simulation, simulators, training systems, instrumentation and DIS requirements. Analyzes technical, cost and schedule risks. Supports the BAA, ACT II SBIR development as the subject matter expert. Supports the development of the long range technology program plan for STRICOM. Evaluates and executes technology base proposals related to virtual, constructive and live simulation, simulators, training systems, instrumentation and DIS requirements. Analyzes technical, cost and schedule risks. Monitors resources and develops efforts of

awarded proposals. Reviews industry's Independent Research and Development (IR&D) and makes recommendations on applicability to the STRICOM mission. 25%

Performs other duties as assigned.

FACTOR 1 - KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Knowledge of systems engineering, computer software and hardware principles to support the acquisition and life cycle management of electronic, computer based military systems or simulation, simulators, training systems and instrumentation projects.
- Knowledge of software management techniques to include: software requirements analysis and design methodologies, software metrics, software reuse, software documentation, ADA, independent verification and validation (IV&V) criteria, and post deployment software support (PDSS) criteria to ensure adequate performance of assigned systems in accordance with user requirements.
- Knowledge of test engineering and management techniques including Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP) development and coordination through the Test Integration Working Group (TIWG) process.
- -Knowledge of Department of Defense (DOD) materiel acquisition: process, specifically the application of DOD 5000 series of regulations and AMC materiel acquisition practices including materiel release to support the acquisition of electronic, computer based military equipment or simulations, simulators, training systems and instrumentation projects.
- Ability to analyze statistical and performance data to perform market surveys, risk analysis, trade-off studies, baseline cost estimates and reliability, availability, maintainability (RAM) analysis needed to support the materiel- acquisition decision making process.
- Knowledge of the application of current engineering technology, as identified for SMEs, to advise on the conceptual design of electronic, computer based military equipment of simulation, simulators, training systems and instrumentation projects.

FACTOR 2 - SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

Incumbent works under direct supervision of assigned Division Chief who provides Policy guidance and assignments and relative priority of those assignments. Work is reviewed in terms of effectiveness of technical decisions and resource management

consistent with related programs and attainment of objectives.

FACTOR 3 - GUIDELINES

Guidelines include DOD, Department of the Army (DA), AMC, and local regulations and policies. Guidelines also include technical manuals, bulletins, journals, manufacturers' catalogs, industry standards and textbooks. Where guidelines are inadequate, supervisor is consulted with regard to specific project assignments.

FACTOR 4 - COMPLEXITY

The projects assigned to the incumbent involve real-time interactive simulation and simulator systems and must bring together a number of unrelated state-of-the-art technologies and systems into a cohesive, affordable and practical solution. Incumbent provides input to projects containing a variety of features being performed by engineers and scientists, logisticians, analysts, contract specialists, private industry, contractors and user representatives.

FACTOR 5 - SCOPE AND EFFECT

The purpose of the work is to develop an effective simulated environment for training, instrumentation and analysis of combat readiness and the effect of new combat weapon systems. The work affects DOD's ability to train, deploy and fully utilize military personnel during combat operations.

FACTOR 6 - PERSONAL CONTACTS

Contacts are with high level management, private industry contractors and other professionals within and outside of the agency. Contacts also include representatives of domestic and foreign governments.

FACTOR 7 - PURPOSE OF CONTACTS

The purpose of contacts is to coordinate work efforts, resolve questions and problems related to projects, to stay current on evolving technologies and to occasionally persuade others to adopt new technical approaches.

FACTOR 8 - PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is primarily sedentary. Frequent travel is required. (approximately 50% of the time) .

FACTOR 9 - WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work is primarily performed in an office setting.

Special Requirements;

Incumbent must be able to obtain and retain a top secret clearance.

Subject to drug testing.

NON-CRITICAL ACQUISITION POSITION AMENDMENT TO PD# 107/49	
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